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## REQUEST FOR STATUS

Honorable Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Customer Service Window Randolph Building, Mail Stop 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

As almost five (5) years have passed since this application was filed or entered into the United States National Stage, as PAIR show that this case was last docketed to examiner in GAU in April of 2002, almost four (4) years ago, and no office action on the merits has yet been received, the applicants hereby respectfully make inquiry as to the status of the above-identified application.

As 37 CFR 1.2 states that the action of the PTO "will be based exclusively on the written record", applicant needs and therefore requests a <u>written reply</u>.

Respectfully submitted,

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